

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. GEORGE  
ERWIN HOLLADAY

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. George "Doc" Holladay. He was a dear friend of mine who will greatly be missed. He passed away earlier this month at the age of 78. Doc practiced medicine as an ophthalmologist for 26 years in Denton before retiring in 1993.

After attending the Columbia Military Academy in Tennessee, Doc continued his education at the University of Tennessee and University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. He then served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam conflict as flight surgeon before opening his own practice.

In 1964, Doc married his wife Shirley Lynn Brink. The two generously founded scholarships at four different universities, including The University of North Texas music program and the Southwestern Medical School Department of Ophthalmology. As a Sigma Chi, Doc also helped start the fraternity at UNT.

Along with Doc's charitable contributions, he served on the Board of Directors for the Cumberland Children's Home, was a member of the Texas Medical Association, and became the president of the Denton School Board. He was a great contributor to the Republican Party of Denton County, and I am forever grateful for his unwavering support.

Doc's continual commitment to Denton County and the state of Texas have successfully strengthened many communities, and I know he surely will be missed. I would like to extend my sincerest condolences to Doc's family and friends.

JOSE PARRA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jose Parra for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jose Parra is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jose Parra is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jose Parra for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have

no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO SYLVIA SUTTON

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my congressional district.

I would like to recognize an exceptional woman, Sylvia Sutton of Burbank, California, who for many years, has been educating our community about the Holocaust and other human rights violations.

Sylvia received her B.A. in Psychology from UCLA and her MBA in Marketing and Program Management from West Coast University. Sylvia's early community efforts included volunteering on the David Starr Jordan Middle School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), and the William McKinley Elementary School PTA, where she received an Honorary Life Membership Award, and as a Girl Scout Leader.

Ms. Sutton's volunteer activities have included the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Burbank Branch, where she served as President, the UCLA Alumni Scholarship Committee, and the League of Women Voters, Glendale/Burbank. Currently, she is the liaison between the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council and the City of Burbank, the Coordinator and Presenter of the annual Burbank Days of Remembrance Commemoration of the Holocaust, and has been the presenter of Holocaust speakers in the eighth and tenth grade classrooms of every Burbank middle and high school since 1991. Sylvia is also a volunteer at the Skirball Cultural Center, as well as the Parliamentarian on the Burbank Coordinating Council. In addition, she works as the secretary for Temple Beth Emet of Burbank.

Sylvia has received a number of accolades for her extensive community service, including the Burbank City 1999 Outstanding Senior Volunteer Award, the 1998 Zonta Woman of the Year for Cultural Awareness Award, and the 1991 Burbank Human Relations Council Distinguished Service Award.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring a truly remarkable woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Sylvia Sutton.

THE PASSING OF CARMEN  
WEINSTEIN

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday, Carmen Weinstein, the leader of Cairo's small remaining Jewish community died at her home. I had the privilege of meeting Ms. Weinstein during a visit to Egypt earlier this year.

She had a passion for preserving Jewish history and antiquities in Egypt and protecting the remaining synagogues. She told me of her dismay that the Jewish cemetery at Bassatine, where she herself will be buried, had been overrun by squatters and vandals.

Hers was a remarkable life, set against the backdrop of a great Jewish emigration out of Egypt more than 60 years ago.

Since her mother's passing, Ms. Weinstein had led a small community of mostly elderly Jewish women in Cairo. In fact, she was one of fewer than 100 Jews still living in Egypt.

In the words of her Washington Post obituary, "Ms. Weinstein worked to remind people that Jews in Egypt were once part of the country's vibrant economy, cultural and political life." I feel fortunate to have met her.

[From the Washington Post, Apr. 13, 2013]

CARMEN WEINSTEIN, JEWISH LEADER IN CAIRO,  
DIES AT 82

(By Aya Batrawy)

Carmen Weinstein, the leader of Egypt's dwindling Jewish community, known for her tireless work preserving synagogues and a once-sprawling Jewish cemetery, died April 13 at the age of 82.

A statement from the Jewish Community in Cairo confirmed her death in Cairo. She had been suffering from knee problems and poor blood circulation.

Ms. Weinstein helped urge Egyptian authorities to renovate at least four Cairo synagogues among the 15 that still exist in the city. Just a day before her death, she traveled to the Maadi suburb to inspect the renovation of a synagogue there.

Since 1978, she also worked to preserve the Bassatine cemetery, the only Jewish cemetery left in Cairo.

The transformation of Bassatine mirrors the dramatic changes Egypt has undergone as its population skyrocketed and poverty grew. Named in Arabic after its gardens, the cemetery is now a slum of tightly packed redbrick apartment buildings that house thousands of poor Egyptians. Parts of the Bassatine were turned into a garbage dump.

Ms. Weinstein was able to preserve a small area as a Jewish cemetery.

Egypt's once thriving Jewish community largely left more than 60 years ago at a time of hostilities between the country and Israel. Since the creation of the state of Israel in 1948, an estimated 65,000 Jews left Egypt for Europe, the West and Israel.

According to a friend of Ms. Weinstein's, Magda Haroun, only around 40 Egyptian Jews remain in the country, split between Cairo and the Mediterranean city of Alexandria, which once was a thriving multicultural and cosmopolitan hub.

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